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*'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'*

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**In church Services are currently suspended until further notice.**

The provision of Service Sheets to Worship at Home, and Notices will continue.

## NOTICES 24 January 2021

*Dear Friends,*

John Bell in one of his hymns writes: "Because the Saviour prayed that we be one and taught his friends to say, 'Your will be done,' we sense God's call as in God's sight we dare commit ourselves in answer to Christ's prayer."

In the week of prayer for Christian Unity, perhaps this is one verse of a hymn it is good to keep in mind. Of all the differences between the churches, The Lord's Prayer often unites. In it, we all pray "Your kingdom come, your will be done." Perhaps that is the phrase that continues to encourage and inspire us on our way. Above all things we seek first the Kingdom of God. In doing so we remember that the Kingdom of God is not restricted to one church or another either here in Abingdon or throughout the world. Yet sometimes the answer to the prayer, "Your will be done" is found in our actions.

Let the week of prayer for Christian Unity not be something we give lip service to, but let us pray and act together to let God's Kingdom be known in our midst.

Every blessing

*Ian*

## CHURCH NEWS

**Christian Aid Walk 2021:** I have completed this walk. If anyone would like to sponsor me, please ring me on 01235 531526 so that I can tell you the magic word which proves I have done it. You are then invited to donate to Christian Aid via their Just Giving page.

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Abingdon-ChristianAid-Walk2021OR838](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Abingdon-ChristianAid-Walk2021OR838)

*Ruth Dams*



**New Season Marmalade** now available – contact Margaret Greaney



## This week's rhyme

Can you take a gentle hint?  
Or does it take at least three tries  
Before, like Samuel, you get wise  
About the message; and so listen  
I ought to send a clue to my family re what to do  
About my Christmas gifts next year.  
Too many chocolates this time I fear  
When I check the scales  
I'll find I'm paying dear.

Margaret Langsford



## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

Last week would have seen St Nicolas' hosting prayers for Christian Unity, led by members of the Ecumenical Team in Abingdon. It is interesting to see in the [Abingdon Blog](#), that this was also the case 100 years ago, and that Trinity was one of the venues:

*Services of United Prayer meetings were held in Abingdon, on Monday and Tuesday in St. Nicolas Church, and on Wednesday and Thursday this week at the Abingdon Wesleyan Church. The special subjects of prayer are respectively classified for international peace, social peace, peace and unity among Christians, and the Kingdom of God in the world.*

**Annual Congregational Library Lecture - 28 January 2021 at 5.30pm:** Professor Jane Shaw, Principal of Harris Manchester College and Professor of the History of Religion at the University of Oxford will speak on the subject, *Nonconformists and the Modern Revival of Mysticism*. This lecture will consider the impact of nonconformists on the revival of mysticism, and the impact of the revival on key nonconformists. The lecture will be delivered via Zoom and is free of charge. To obtain the Zoom link and password please contact the Secretary of the of Friends of the Congregational Library, Patricia Judd at [admin@pondsquarechapel.org.uk](mailto:admin@pondsquarechapel.org.uk)

## What is God asking of You? Saturday 27 February 2021 10am – 3pm online

Register with [ministries@urc.org.uk](mailto:ministries@urc.org.uk) to receive the Zoom details  
Ministry Enquirers' Event to help you think about God's call to

- Worship Leading
- Lay Preaching
- Ministry with children and young people
- The Ministry of Word and Sacraments
- Church Related Community Work



The January edition of the [URC Sharing the Faith](#) is now available or contact the Office for a hard copy.

## WORSHIP

**Spiritual sustenance when in isolation.** During this time of lockdown a new page on the Methodist Church website signposts resources to help nourish our spiritual life. These are mostly resources that are provided centrally.

See more: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/coronavirus/spiritual-sustenance-when-in-isolation>

**In the Circuit:** Keith leads an on-line Zoom service, Sunday mornings at 10:30am. If you would like to join in or know more about this, please contact him - [keith.underhill@methodist.org.uk](mailto:keith.underhill@methodist.org.uk).

A short *Act of Worship* will also be posted on the [Circuit YouTube channel](#)

**More widely the Methodist and URC are making resources available on line:**

**Methodist** or see <https://Methodist.org.uk>

[Methodist Central Hall](#) – weekly Service and catch up

[Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission](#) – daily Service and catch up

**URC** or see <https://urc.org.uk/>

**By phone:** Listen to a prayer 0808 281 2514 or News: 0808 281 2478

or **NEW** on 0808 281 2695 - a pastoral message from the President and Vice-President of Conference